

August 7, 2013

Federal Communications Commission
445 12 Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, MB Docket No. 12-108, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 13-77)

Dear Commissioners:

I am cable customer and a producer of local community media and utilize the local cable access channels.

I strongly encourage you to act consistent with other comments filed by Alliance for Community Media and others, to require cable operators to treat local programmers more equitably.

I can search and find content via the set top box programming guide, except for the local channels, primarily PEG channels. This great resource of local community information is increasingly being treated in an unfair, inequitable and thus marginalized fashion. Comcast Cable has figured out how to make program listings visible yet Verizon has not. I am left to figure out by other means what is available and worse, the advanced functions of DVR recording, etc. does not function.

I pay for these services and I am at the mercy of the provider as to whether or not I can use these services in the same way. Is see no reason why the program guide information for the PEG channels should not be as accessible as that of any other local broadcaster.

Thank you for taking action to ensure equitable treatment among local content providers on cable.

Sincerely,
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